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Applicant: John C. Adler
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated December 18, 2003, having a shortened statutory period expiring on March 18, 2004. Accompanying this response is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a 1 month extension of time, setting a new time for response to April 18, 2004. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.